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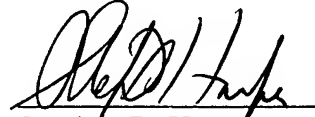
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1. International Search Report (English Language)
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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4,775,600 A (ADANIYA et al.) 04 October 1988, see the abstract, examples and claims.	1-9
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